



# The Electrifier

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**DECEMBER 2022**

**"Owned by those we serve"**

**Marshall, NC**

## Massey Retires



Greg Massey retired in November with 30 years of service. Hired as a Meter Reader, Greg transferred into the Meter Shop, where he retired as an Assistant Meter Specialist.

Greg is looking forward to enjoying his free time, working on his To Do list, travelling and spending time with his family.

We wish Greg all the best in his retirement.

**Congratulations Greg!!!**

## How Much Does It Cost To Run A 1,500-Watt Space Heater?

Most electric space heaters and electric fireplaces are rated at 1,500 watts. This would be the "high" setting on the heater. However, most space heaters also have a "low" setting or a thermostat, so for the sake of simplicity we'll assume the space heater in this example is operating continuously at the full power setting at 1,500 watts.

Now, to figure out how much you pay per hour for a 1,500-watt space heater, use this formula:

\*space heater watts x .001 x cents per kWh = cost per hour

For a 1,500-watt space heater based on a rate of \$0.12 per kWh (FBEMC rate rounded up) it would look like this:

\* 1,500 x .001 x .12 = .18 or 18 cents per hour

If you run your 1,500-watt space heater at full power every day for 6 hours each day, it will cost \$36 a month:

\* 0.18 x 6 hrs x 30 days = \$32.40

So, if you run your 1,500-watt space heater at full power every day for 24 hours, it will cost \$130 a month (rounded up).

*French Broad EMC Employees and Directors  
extend their very best wishes  
for a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!*

*All French Broad EMC offices will be closed  
1/2 day Thursday Dec 22nd,  
Friday Dec 23rd and Monday Dec 26th  
in observance of Christmas  
and*

*Monday Jan 2nd in observance of New Years*

# Manager's Report



## Understanding Your Capital Credits

It should come as no surprise that rising fuel prices are projected for this upcoming winter. Below is a chart showing residential retail energy pricing for the last seven years and the increases forecasted for 2023.

As you can see, here in the Southeastern US, our costs for electricity are significantly lower than in other parts of the country. However, we are certainly not immune to these increases. As natural gas prices rise, so will our wholesale electricity cost from Duke Energy. This will soon be reflected in our monthly bills to our members. French Broad EMC is currently conducting a Cost of Service and Rate Study that will give direction to our Board of Directors as to how much of an increase we can expect and how long it will last. As a non-profit cooperative, we focus on keeping costs as low as possible but fuel and energy are items that are simply beyond our control.

Hopefully, our return of capital credits this year will offset some of the price increases for many of our long-term members.

As we go through the budgeting process, we are ever mindful to keep costs in line without having huge margins that can cause rates to rise. However, we are required by our lenders to retain a minimal "cushion" to make sure the business remains financially solvent. At the end of the year—after all the Cooperative's bills have been paid—we calculate the amount of money left over, and assign the "profit" as capital credits, based on the amount of money each member has paid in to the business through electricity bills. This amount is credited to each member's account annually. However, French Broad Electric does not return this money to members immediately. The money is used to help finance maintenance and improvements to the Cooperative's electric system without having to borrow money

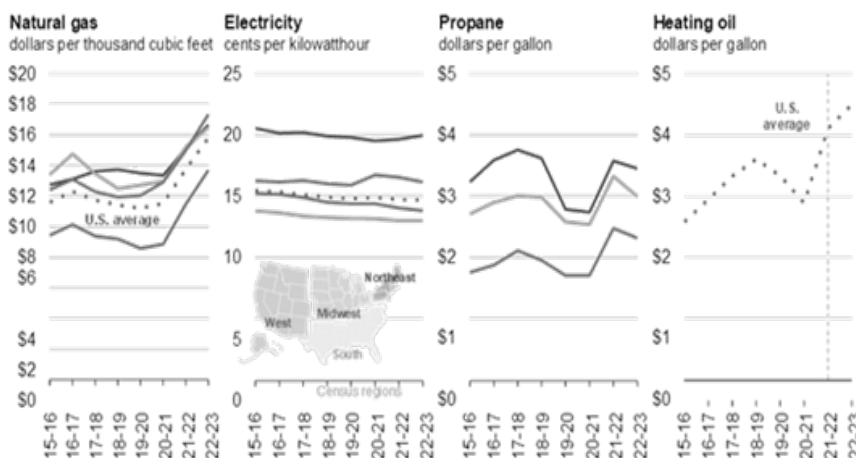
from outside sources at high interest rates. By using these margins for reinvestment in our electrical system, French Broad Electric has been able to provide high quality electrical service to its entire territory and minimize loan payments.

Your Board of Directors has determined the Cooperative to be in sound financial condition, and your investment in your business will be refunded based on the amount you paid through your electricity bills. Until the general retirements are made, the money is used for system improvements so the Cooperative does not have to depend so heavily on borrowed funds.

This year, we will be refunding over \$1.9 million to those folks who were customers in 1995. Members whose capital credits are \$50 or more will receive their "refund" by check in December.

Capital credits represent one of the primary differences between co-ops and other electric utilities.

As we end 2022 and prepare for 2023, our crews have been busy improving our Right of Ways, adding new infrastructure, and replacing old poles and wire so that we assure our distribution system is capable of providing high quality electrical service to all our members. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the employees of French Broad Electric, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season.





# The Outlet

All numbers are in 828 area code unless otherwise listed.

This is a FREE service to members for advertising non-commercial items. Ads are limited to two items per member per month and will appear only one time unless resubmitted. Ads are limited to two lines per ad. We reserve the right to edit, condense, or refuse ads due to content, unreasonable length, or available space.

French Broad EMC does not endorse services advertised and is not responsible for reliability of services listed.

When submitting ads for The Outlet, please be sure to include your name, address, phone number and account number. Ads without this reference information are subject to not being published.

Ads may be submitted online or mailed to:

French Broad EMC, Attn: Paula Seay, PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753.

### FOR SALE

Beagle puppies & finished dogs. 206-2737.

Hanging scales & basket, \$75. 680-1271.

Winterberry Christmas dishes, 8pc place setting, \$100. 680-1271.

(200) LP albums, popular music in 60s & 70s, \$200. 765-2081.

2019 Toyota Tacoma, 32k mi. 649-9390.

Fender Deluxe Reverb II guitar amp. 766-5226.

Boyer billy goat, 3 yrs old, \$200. 208-0938 or 682-7531.

2008 Toyota Tundra rims, tires, centers, lug nuts, \$200/4. 208-0938 or 682-7531.

Powerhorse pressure washer, 3100 PSI, \$240. 682-2171.

21" Brother color TV, \$50. 682-2171.

TriStar welder w/ welding rods, \$500. 645-9860.

Metal storage cabinet, \$100. 645-9860.

Leather recliner lift-chair, grey, \$600. 689-2139 or 779-7028.

Hay, barn kept, 1st cutting, \$45/4x4 roll. 385-6030.

(8) guitars, banjo, amp, books, etc. 720-883-7679.

Bugle, flute, recorder, records, music, lessons. 720-883.7679.

Cedar-lined conversational wardrobe. 683-9169.

Realistic Concertmate 975 keyboard w/ 61 full size keys, \$75. 645-9236.

(2) burial spaces, Forest Lawn, Vet section, \$2,300. 658-9837.

Antique DR table, 6 chairs, buffet, china cabinet, \$3,000. 645-7544.

The Vietnam Experience, 13 books, \$50. 645-9236.

Lester spinet piano & bench, \$450 OBO. 783-0521.

Air dried walnut lumber, 1,100 BF. 682-6798.

Guide Gear snowmobile boots, sz 12 & tanker pants, \$25/both. 689-4024.

Entertainment center w/ wood doors, 2 drawers, \$400. 765-8789.

Parts car, 1999 Chevy Blazer, 4WD, \$400. 689-9095.

Antique wood. 688-2957.

Monitor 24 kerosene heater, \$500. 460-0817.

German Shepherd, 2yrs old, neutered. 649-9483.

English Shepherd puppies. 450-3190 or 683-3126.

2010 Ford Escape tailgate, \$200. 385-1343.

2010 Toyota Tacoma, 5spd, 2dr ext cab, \$14,500. 680-9193.

Electric heater fireplace combo, \$50. 208-0105 or 208-2492.

Inversion table, \$150. 208-0105 or 208-2492.

Backhoe attachment, hydraulics, (2) buckets, \$6,000 OBO. 622-7337.

Presto 18qt canner/cooker, \$75. 380-0267.

### WANTED

1999-2016 SUV or AWD, max 100k-150k mi. 689-9095.

Someone to clean house. 330-858-3299.

### MISCELLANEOUS

FREE: Bantam roosters. 645-7544.

Will Do: bushhogging and scraping driveways. 713-5574.

Mad Co Library survey @ any library or online @ <https://bit.ly/mcpl-survey>.

Will Do: clean house, ref. 688-3693.

FREE: lift chair. 683-1468.

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

Will Do: repairs: doors, windows, sheetrock & more. 777-4002.

Will Do: pressure clean: roof, siding, gutter, concrete. 777-4002.

FREE: (2) pot bellied pigs. 649-8305.

**Right-of-Way (ROW)  
Schedule  
December/January**

**Marshall District  
(cutting)**

- \* Meadow Fork area
- \* Puncheon Fork area
- \* Old Hwy 23
- \* Bear Branch

**Burnsville District  
(cutting)**

- \* Upper Jacks Creek
- \* McKinney Branch
- \* Hwy 197S
- \* Pensacola
- \* Town of Burnsville
- \* Transmission Line  
(from Relief to Bakersville)

If you have questions or need more information, please contact us at (828) 649-2051.

**MINI-SPLIT  
MAINTENANCE  
PROGRAM**

In order to get the most out of your Mini-Split system and minimize repair costs, it is necessary to perform routine maintenance on both the inside and outside units annually.

Cleaning the equipment from debris build up will extend the life of the system and improve the efficiency.

For more information about the maintenance program and to complete the Maintenance Agreement, please visit us at: [www.frenchbroademc.com](http://www.frenchbroademc.com).

NOTE: If you are on the Maintenance Program, please call 828-649-2051 to schedule an appointment to have your

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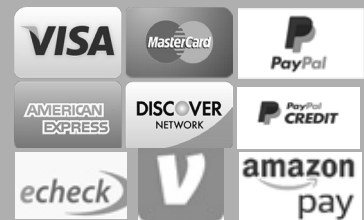
Marshall	(828) 649-2051
Toll-Free Marshall	1-800-222-6190
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**To Report A Power Outage**

Marshall District  
(Madison, Buncombe &  
Unicoi Counties)  
(828) 649-2051 • 1-800-222-6190

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Online Payment  
Available 24 Hours a Day  
**1-844-294-5697**



**NOTE:** The NEW deadline for submitting ads to The Electrifier is the **10th** of each month.

**SCAM ALERT**

Beware of scammers who pretend they are calling to let you know your account is delinquent and due right away. Please know that we do not call you and demand payment. There are also scammers who call to commend you on your payment history and want to reward you with gifts such as gift cards, iPads, credits toward your utility bill, etc.

If you get a questionable call like this and are concerned about your account, please hang up and call FBEMC directly at 828-649-2051.

